

ABSTRACT

To provide a patch containing fentanyl for mucous membrane of the oral cavity (oral transmucosal fentanyl), which rapidly increases the 5 serum concentration of the drug, is easy in handling and is superior in safety.

A patch containing fentanyl for mucous membrane of the oral cavity, which can be prepared by laminating on one side of a drug layer which contains fentanyl or its salt as an active ingredient, methyl vinyl 10 ether-maleic anhydride copolymer as an adhesive, and at least one substance selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and hydroxyethylcellulose as a thickener, a support layer hardly soluble or insoluble in water, and a backing in their order.